and NH-107 (Mahesh Khunt to Mali Chowk) in Khagaria district in Bihar have been damaged due to floods; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to reconstruct the highways and by when it would be reconstructed and made operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The stretches from Mahesh Khunt to Mali Chowk on NH-107 and on NH-31 in Khagaria district have been damaged at various locations due to recent floods.

(b) In Khagaria district temporary restoration work on the stretch of NH-31 has already been taken up by the Road Construction Department, Bihar. Restoration work in Mahesh Khunt- Mali Chowk section of NH-107 would be possible and National Highway made operational only after the floodwater recedes. For flood damage repair works on various National Highways in Bihar, Rs. 5.00 crore has been released to Bihar Government.

Roads in Bastar

†2514. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government has sent a proposal for the development of roads under Bastar Development Programme in Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether a proposal to connect Bastar with Vishakhapatnam is also pending with Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) This Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. No proposal has been received for development of roads under Bastar Development Programme in this Ministry.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) No, Sir. Vishakhapatnam is already connected with Bastar region of Chhattisgarh through NH-43 and NH-5.

(c) Does not arise.

Roads in Rajasthan and Punjab

2515. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan and Punjab has been provided assistance by the Central Government for road constructions, repairs and maintenance;

(b) the quantum of assistance provided for the last one-year;

(c) the details of the proposals submitted by the State Government during that period; and

(d) the details of the action taken for construction of new roads, maintenance and repairs of old roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) The Ministry is essentially responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). However, assistance is also provided to State Governments/Union Territories for development of State Roads under Central Road Fund (CRF), Economic Importance (El) and Inter-State Connectivity (ISC) Schemes. The quantum of assistance provided during 2003-04 for development of NHs (road construction & maintenance) and for State roads under CRF, Economic Importance & Inter-State Connectivity Schemes are as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

	National Highways			CRF	El & ISC
	Development	Maintenance	Total		
Rajasthan	48.00	27.93	75.93	47.23	Nil
Punjab	51.00	20.09	71.09	28.66	Nil